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Oliver

14 Sept 1871

My dear Mr. Engelm.
My friend Mr. Hiern
has been working at the
Herbarium here for a
considerable time on a
monograph of Ebenaceæ.
He has taken great pains
with the difficult subjects
of his study - too thin
fragments & crooked the
principal European Herb.



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Arria hunting up herads.
Now, he is picking up
his memoir - & is confronted
by an old difficulty in the
nature of *Drypetes virginiana*
of its relation to our - old-
world - D. Loleis. Are
there fair grounds of specific
distinction? - There are
several minor points of
difference, but each species
would seem to vary as much



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at some time you are going to
trouble over the diff^e between the
typical (or usual) forms of ~~and~~
the two.

Have you seen

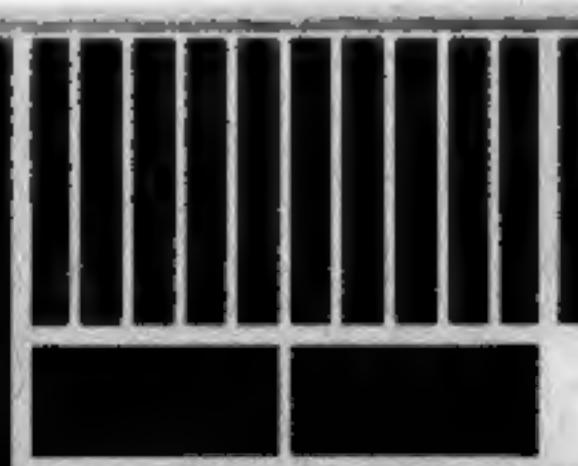
D. Virginiana any lately?

How far do you know it to
vary? In respect of form,
^{direction of} reflection, & relative size of

calyx? Relat. ^{relative} bracts & bracts
Length of pedicel &c?

in g? Ic. Would it be
possible to pickle for an
herbarium a series of fruits

of D. Virginiana, ^{showing any} seeing any
variation? We ^{have observed} believe
each very healthy. Here
very.



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is at least one other? of "D. ~~Velutina~~
iana" in Hb R.R. Coli^o by
Brewer at St Louis he says
which has much of D.
Lolus about it.

If you can tell me
shall be very much delighted
by you.

I remain

Very sincerely yours

W. D. Oliver



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My dear Dr. Asa Gray
I have to thank you
much for your kind reply
to my enquiry as to Dios-
kyos. Asa Gray has
sent us a few fresh
plants, - he still a skeptic
showing tendence to variation
will be very valuable. We
still want good Lobelias in
florist, but for this we must
trouble our old-world friends.



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See this & tell you very
soon heard from Dr Hooker
direct acknowledging the receipt
of the box, with cases of
Mr Kew Pines, &c.

An Museum Curator tells
me he has no Glyptostro-
matus cases at Kew.

G. neocaledonicus - what I
look for it - was figured in
Nat. Mag. 5603 from a
tree at Kew which was



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& fl. a few yrs old, but
then the leaf come to a
pair & the anthers.

Have you seen this plant?
If not I can send you
herbarium. It was treated
as Tephrosia stricta B.
butans, by Cavan in Boul.

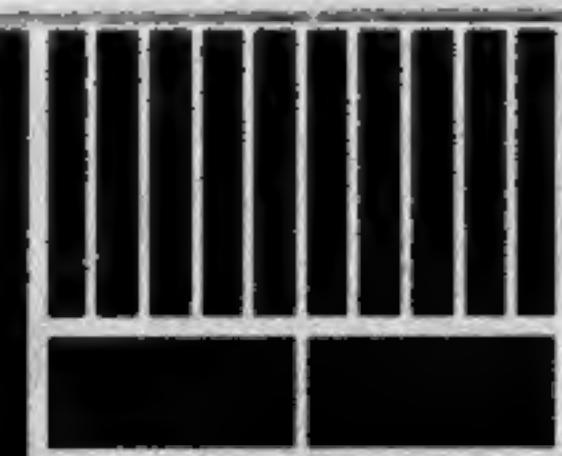

Kew. Ed. II. 323.

Of course you know P. in
Prod. because it is var. of
Tephrosia strictum.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours
Dale Oliver





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Dear Dr. Agassiz

Let me thank you
again for kind.

Send us copies I have
left in Space &
American Oaks.

I have placed them in
the Acad. Lib.

Very truly yours

D. Otis Jr.




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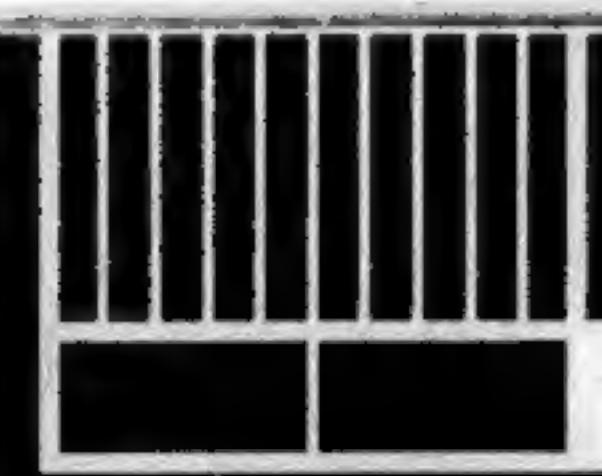


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